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## *Memorandum*

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: Proposed 2011 TIP Amendment 11-19: I-580 Corridor – East Bound HOV/HOT Lanes Project (ALA070020)

The Alameda County Transportation Commission has recently submitted a request to update one of the post-mile limits for the I-580 Corridor – Eastbound HOV/HOT Lanes project (TIP ID: ALA070020) from post-mile 19.1 to 19.9. This update will allow for the placement of advance notice signs for the new HOV/HOT facility. MTC Staff is planning to include this change in Amendment 11-19 to MTC's 2011 TIP, scheduled to go before the Commission on January 25, 2012.

Staff is currently seeking the Task Force's concurrence that this change will not alter the conformity analysis performed on the 2011 TIP and Transportation 2035 Plan as the project limits are being expanded to allow for the inclusion of exempt elements.

### **Background**

The I-580 Corridor – Eastbound HOV/HOT Lanes project was originally amended into the TIP as a non-exempt project during the development of the 2007 TIP. In April 2009, the project description was updated to change the western limit of the project from "west of Santa Rita Road" to "Hacienda Road" with the eastern limit remaining at Greenville Rd. After the adoption of MTC's Transportation 2035 Plan, this project relied on the air quality analysis conducted on RTP ID 21116 for its air quality conformity determination. The limits of this project as described in the RTP match those of the current TIP listing. However, these limits are for the widening of I-580 only and do not include the portion of I-580 where the advanced notification signs will be placed to warn drivers of the upcoming HOV/HOT lane facility.

### **Proposed Revision**

The proposed amendment to the 2011 TIP, will update the location information on the I-580 Corridor – Eastbound HOV/HOT Lanes project (TIP ID: ALA070020) to reflect the post-mile limit of 19.9, instead of 19.1 as it is currently shown. The limits of the actual widening of I-580 will remain "from east of Greenville Rd. to Hacienda Dr." and the additional 0.8 miles will be used only for the addition of advanced notification signs. Given that the placement of directional and informational signs is an exempt activity under the "Other" category of 40 CFR 93.126, the proposed amendment will not alter the conformity analysis performed on the 2011 TIP and Transportation 2035 Plan.